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OF THE ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN CANAL

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Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly, that the Governor of this State be and he is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate as much as he may see fit out of the moneys in the treasury of the State, as hereinafter provided, for the purpose of aiding, in connection with such other means as may be hereafter received from the Government of the United States, in the construction of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, a dam not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars, to be and he is required to be paid out of such moneys by instalments, as such sum may be needed in the progress of said work, so that at the same time be estimated.

Sec. 12. Before entering upon the duties of their office, each of the said commissioners shall make oath or affirmation, solemnly, honestly, and truly to execute and discharge all the duties and obligations now imposed upon them, and such of them, as shall come hereafter, and they shall severally give bond, to the Governor of the State, in the sum of ten thousand dollars, with sufficient sureties, for the faithful discharge of the duties imposed upon them by this act; provided that the Governor may at any time require additional bonds of all treasurers.

Sec. 23. Public notice shall be given at the time and place at which proposals will be received for entering into contracts for such service as previously published in the State Engineer's Office, at least one week, in a newspaper of general circulation, and in such other places, cities in this state or elsewhere, as may be deemed proper.

Sec. 24. Proposals for contracts shall be sealed, and shall be for a sum estimated certain as to the price to be paid or received, and shall be let to the lowest and best responsible bidder, accompanied with cash and sufficient security for the faithful

into one in faith, mercy, and pity; and their best judgment will best promote the interest of the said canal fund; *Provided* always, that before any of the several good lots shall be offered for sale, the public voice of such sale shall have been given in such papers, not less than one week before the day of sale, in such number, either in the *Archer's* or in the *Board's* may think best, at least one week prior to any sale; *Provided* further, that if no sale be made on the day so determined, such sale may be made on any day thereafter, upon giving the notice and upon the terms herein required.

Sec. 31. It shall be the duty of the several commissioners before the day upon

to admit. Any contributor who might be guilty of a violation of the provisions of this act, shall be deemed to have perpetrated a fraud, and upon indictment and conviction thereof in any court having competent jurisdiction, shall be punished by fine or imprisonment, and fined not more than five hundred dollars. Provided, that a prosecution for such offense shall be commenced within two years after the commission of the same.

SEC. 40. If any two or more persons shall combine themselves together for the purpose of securing employment at the same rate of any of the canal lands or lots, or if the shall agree, to have any understanding

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